

PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
EIR/AESTHETIC MITIGATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Port of Los Angeles
425 S. Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, California

Minutes
March 27, 2008

ATTENDEES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS/PCAC

Dr. John Miller, Chair
Skip Baldwin, Alternate Member
Janet Gunter, Alternate Member
Chuck Hart, Voting Member
Richard Havenick, Voting Member
Lucy Mejia, Voting Member

PORT STAFF

Teresa Scognamillo

PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS

Gwen Butterfield

LOCATION OF MEETING: Banning's Landing, 100 E. Water Street, Wilmington, CA

- A. Call to Order: 4:10PM
- B. Sign In / Introductions
- C. Agenda Approved
- D. Minutes were approved for the February 28, 2008 EIR Subcommittee meeting.
- E. Public Comment: None
- F. POLA Staff Report Updates:
Status of China Shipping Settlement Mitigation Projects
Port staff is moving forward on the project agreements for the YMCA and the Banning Museum Transportation Exhibit.

Discussion on Other Issues:

- The Air Quality Mitigation Program RFP - The Port typically receives between 30 to 35 project proposals. For this last RFP they received 87 proposals.
- Youth Sailing Center – The Youth Sailing Center Board opposes the idea of combining the rowing and the sailing programs in one facility. Sharing an area with two different facilities would be preferred.
- Consolidated Slip Water Quality Tests and Potential Health Hazards using the Consolidated Slip for Sailing Center – WQ study is collecting this data.
- The committee asked if there was an alternative site for the Youth Sailing Center if the Consolidated Slip was found to be unsuitable. Ms. Scognamillo

stated that although there may be other possibilities, the Applicant prefers the Consolidated Slip. In the distant future, the Slip will be suitable for use.

- Members of the committee are concerned that time/funds will expire before the project comes to fruition. They asked if a temporary site could be used in the interim. Port staff is working with the both applicants, for the sailing center and the rowing center.

G. Discussion:

1. Wilmington Waterfront Development Project NOP

The Scoping meeting for the NOP was held on March 25, 2008. The public comment period ends April 14, 2008. Dr. Miller offered draft comments and stated that he would circulate them via e-mail. Sandra Genis submitted some comments that will be included in the Subcommittee comment letter. Comment letters will be posted on the POLA website after the comment period ends.

Committee comment/concerns included:

- EIR/CEQA process / Conflict of Interest when the Lead Agency, the Sponsoring Agency, the Reviewing Agency, and the Approving Agency are all the same.
 - 58 acre Waterfront Development Project where the majority of the development occurs away from the waterfront. Only 15 acres designed for public space. (Focus seems to be on commercial, industrial, and retail use.
 - Request that the EIR be more specific about planned commercial and industrial land use. Provide drawings of street designs. Sustainable economic development and technology being promoted.
 - Harry Bridges Buffer area analyzed in a different EIR, could constitute piecemealing of another project?
 - Net increase or decrease in waterfront accessibility. Project description should state how many feet of accessible waterfront there will be in Wilmington, as well as the length of the waterfront promenade.
 - Specific roadway improvements. Truck accommodations
 - Loss of parking near Banning's Landing. Street Parking? Location of planned parking for Banning's Landing. Handicapped parking?
 - The ingress/egress to the auto terminal east of the project? (Changes to the auto terminal? Growth in truck traffic?)
 - Affect on rail facilities
 - Discrepancies between the drawings displayed at the public meeting and those in the NOP
 - The demolition and relocation of the existing LADWP tanks
 - Further evaluation on adequate emergency access with increased traffic and the project design
2. SB1646 Reauthorization of South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) Clean Fuels Program
- Dr. Miller introduced a letter he wrote on behalf of the PCAC EIR Subcommittee, to request that they take a position to support SB1646 which

would reauthorize the SCAQMD's Clean Fuels Program. The Clean Fuels Program is the source of funding for the research and demonstration of advanced engine technologies. This is where most of AQMD's assistance would go towards the Technology Advancement Program of the CAAP. Two committee members agreed (Chuck Hart, and Richard Havenick), while three members (Janet Gunter, Skip Baldwin and Lucy Mejia) abstained, with concerns regarding Natural Gas.

3. Follow-up on Previous Mitigation Monitoring Programs

Previous EIR's have referenced mitigation monitoring programs. The committee requested to see the reports of these monitoring programs. In addition, they asked, how the data for the China Shipping cold ironing was being monitored and reported to the Port? What was the data and the basis for the calculations? How is it reported? How is it verified?

Teresa Scognamillo stated that the Wharfingers Division of the Port collected this information and that they reported that the Port reached 69% cold ironing last year and that they just missed the goal of 70%. She will follow-up with Wharfingers and report back to the committee in May.

H. Old Business: None

I. New Business/Non-Agenda Items

Janet Gunter suggested that as the committee reviews EIR's, they should emphasize the immense need for mitigation on infrastructure issues that the City of LA should not have to be subsidizing. The Port should provide mitigation for the destruction of the roads by heavy truck traffic.

J. Next Meeting: April 24, 2008

K. Adjournment: 5:45PM

Signature on File

Dr. John Miller, Chair
EIR/Aesthetic Mitigation Subcommittee

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Debra Babcock-Doherty
PCAC Executive Assistant